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E. O. 11652: GDS
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FROM NEWSOM FOR EAGLETON

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1. LOOK FORWARD SEEING YOU LONDON. PROBABLY BEST TIME WOULD BE IN EMBASSY AFTERNOON OF 14.

2. WHILE PLEASED HEAR THAT ALGERIANS THINKING POSITIVELY ON POSSIBILITY RESUMPTION RELATIONS AFTER SIGNING EL PASO LOAN, BELIEVE IT VERY IMPORTANT WE NOT UNDULY RAISE EXPECTATIONS OF EARLY AGREEMENT. WHILE THERE IS EVERY HOPE HERE THAT BASIC QUESTION OF GUARANTEE CAN BE WORKED OUT, NUMBER OF DRAFT AND LEGAL PROBLEMS STILL REMAIN. FULL DIMENSIONS OF REMAINING ISSUES WILL NOT BE CLEAR BEFORE TWO SIDES MEET ON MONDAY.

3. SUGGEST YOU TELL ZEGHAR THAT WHILE I AM HOPEFUL OF EARLY CONCLUSION, I HESITATE MAKE ANY PREDICTIONS ON TIMING OF
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OUTCOME OF ISSUE AS COMPLEX AS THIS. WE WARMLY WELCOME CONTINUED ALGERIAN INTEREST IN RESUMPTION RELATIONS AND FOR THIS REASON DO NOT WISH MOVE PREMATURELY. WHILE NOT RULING OUT VISIT AFTER MARCH 22, I BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT VISIT NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL WE CAN SPEAK TOGETHER

AGAINST BACKGROUND SOLID FOUNDATION. I LOOK FORWARD DISCUSSING SITUATION IN FULL WITH EAGLETON. IN SHORT, WITH SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT TO BOTH OF US AS RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS I DO NOT WISH MAKE FALSE START.

4. IF ZEGHAR WISHES COME TO LONDON I OF COURSE WOULD BE GLAD TALK WITH HIM BUT HE SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND LIMITATIONS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. ROGERS

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